

G. Hendrickson Is Reported "Missing in Action"

**Took Part in Five
Bombing Attacks
On German Capitol**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hendrickson of West Heron Lake township received a telegram from the War Department Saturday night informing them that their son, 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Hendrickson, is "missing in action." Lt. Hendrickson was a pilot on a B-17 bomber based in Britain and had taken part in 5 raids over Berlin. He was a member of an American bomber squadron and had been based in England for nearly five months.

Gordon was a member of the Jackson National Guard which left the county in February, 1941. When the company was in New York ready to entrain for overseas, the men were given a chance to try out for the air force if they so desired. Gordon did and was accepted.

On one of his forays over Germany Gordon's bomber was shot full of holes but he managed to bring it safely back to base. Shortly after this incident he was taken ill with tonsillitis and was confined in the hospital for four weeks. Upon his release shortly before Thanksgiving, he was assigned to a new bomber with an entirely different crew. It was on a foray over Germany on Nov. 29, when Gordon's plane failed to return. This was a big attack on German war industries, as 47 bombers were lost in this engagement.

Gordons' many friends in this community sympathize with his parents in this sad news, and all hope that he may have escaped with his life and may now be safe in a prison camp. Gordon has a very fine war record and has certainly done his part to subdue the enemy.
